

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows: replace the current abstract with the following:

Abstract of the Disclosure

~~The invention relates to a~~ A ~~method and an apparatus~~ for introducing in continuous a substance in liquid phase into plastics granules ~~by means of the steps of comprising:~~ a) feeding a substantially continuous flow of ~~said~~the plastics granules to at least one substantially static spraying chamber ~~(40, 29)~~, b) spraying ~~said~~the substance in liquid phase onto the plastics granules ~~continuously flowing within said spraying chamber (40, 29)~~, c) ~~submitting to mixing~~ passing the granules partially or totally coated by ~~said~~the substance in liquid phase, ~~continuously leaving the spraying chamber (40, 29)~~, by means of a substantially static mixing means ~~[(6)]~~ supported within a ~~mixing zone (5)~~ in at least one mixing chamber provided downstream of ~~said~~the spraying chamber ~~(40, 29)~~ and ~~comprising at least one mixing chamber (5a, 5b)~~, d) submitting the mixed granules ~~so obtained~~ to drying for a time sufficient to allow a substantially complete absorption of the substance in liquid phase by the granules. ~~Advantageously, the invention allows to continuously impregnate plastics granules, reducing to the best extent the abrasive action on the granules themselves and hence to minimize the generation of plastics dust.~~